



Commercial Drivers License
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Non-Commercial Class A/B Certification Program General Information

Through the certification program, designated firefighters and operators of emergency equipment may obtain certifier status to administer drive tests in the same type of non-commercial Class A or B vehicles for which they are licensed to drive 49 CFR 383.3(d). An authorized certifier may attest to the Field Services Division that an individual passed a drive examination in a non-commercial Class A or B vehicle. Based on the certification, the Division can issue a driver license with the "F" endorsement for that type of vehicle.

To qualify for certification, your department needs to have a driver-testing program that meets or exceeds the skills test standards administered by the State. You will need to have adequate area and access to roads that allow you to conduct the following testing requirements:

- Pre-trip inspection;
- Placing the vehicle or combination in operation;
- Use of the vehicle's controls and safety/emergency equipment;
- Operating the vehicle in traffic on public roadways; and
- Turning, braking and backing the vehicle or combination.

A maximum of five certifiers is allowed for each fire department.

Firefighters are required by law to obtain a driver license for the type of vehicle they are operating. An "F" endorsement will be placed on the license of any driver tested by a certifier. The endorsement indicates that the holder of the license is exempt from federal regulation pertaining to commercial drivers. A license with an "F" endorsement may be issued to either a volunteer or career firefighter and allows the driver to operate Class A and B emergency vehicles in the line of duty. The endorsement prohibits the driver from operating any commercial vehicle.

Class A: Any combination of vehicles with a gross combination weight rating of 26,001 or more pounds providing the vehicle being towed weighs in excess of 10,000 pounds.

Note: This classification includes an articulated engine, tender or aerial truck as long as the combination weighs 26,001 pounds or more and vehicle being towed weighs in excess of 10,000 pounds.

Class B: Any single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 or more pounds, towing a vehicle not in excess of 10,000 pounds.

Note: This classification includes a single engine, tender or truck weighing 26,001 pounds in itself and allows the operator to tow a vehicle not in excess of 10,000 pounds.

Class C: Class C includes any single vehicle or combination of vehicles that does not meet the definition of Class A or B. To operate a Class C vehicle designed to carry 16 or more people or placarded for hazardous materials requires a commercial driver license.

Note: Individuals operating Class C emergency vehicles may drive with a Nevada Class C driver license and are not required to obtain a license with an "F" endorsement.

Certification Program Requirements

Each fire department participating in the certification program (including volunteer departments) must designate one representative as a contact person for their certification program. All correspondence from the Field Services Division will be sent to the designated representative.

The designated representative will be responsible for:

1. Signing any new applications for a firefighter to become an authorized certifier;
2. Notifying the Field Services Division, in writing, within 10 days from the occurrence of any of the following:
 - Any change of the designated department representative; or
 - Any change in department address or phone number; or
 - Any deletion of approved certifier from the list.

Certifier Requirements

To become a certifier, an application must be submitted to Field Services Division, CDL office nearest you. The application must be signed by the Fire Chief or designed representative of the department. Each certifier must:

- Hold a valid driver license in the same class or higher for which they will be certifying; and
- Attend a 16-hour certification-training program provided by Field Services Division personnel. The Field Services Division will schedule a training program when there are 6 or more applicants for training.

Authorization to certify drivers will be cancelled if, at any time, the certifier's driver privilege is cancelled, suspended or revoked by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Driver Licensing Requirements

To obtain a non-commercial Class A or B license, an applicant will be required to take a vision test and a General Knowledge Class A or B written test administered by the Field Services Division. Additional written tests may be required if the driver will be operating the following types of vehicles:

- Vehicles equipped with air brakes;
- Vehicles towing a single vehicle over 10,000 pounds;
- Vehicles towing a combination of vehicles less than 10,000 pounds.

After completing the vision and written tests, a driver may obtain an instruction permit. Any person who practices or completes a test on public streets or highways must obtain an instruction permit. The permit fee is \$21.75 and is valid for one year. It allows the holder to legally practice driving on Nevada streets and highways, when accompanied by a driver who is over 21 years of age and is licensed in at least the same vehicle classification.

When the driver is ready to take a driving test, one may be scheduled with the Field Services Division or an approved certifier within his department may test the driver. After passing the drive test, a \$2.25 photo fee is required to obtain a valid, four-year license with the proper vehicle classification and "F" endorsement.